3. LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

(a) THIRD READING

(i) The Cochin Motor Vehicles Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier *(Prime Minister):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Motor Vehicles Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

(ii) The Cochin Prohibition Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Prohibition Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier *(Prime Minister):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

(iii) The Cochin Succession Certificate Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Succession Certificate Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon *(Vellarappilli):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

(b) POINT OF ORDER

Regarding Presentation of the Select Committee Report
The Cochin Income-tax Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I have a point of order to raise if the Hon'ble Minister is going to press the Bill Cochin Income-tax Act (Amendment) Bill for getting it passed now. According to Standing Order 35 the report of the Select Committee, any minutes that have been recorded by individual members of the committee and, if the Bill has been amended, the Bill as amended by the Committee, shall be printed and copies furnished to each member of the Assembly. The report and minutes, if any, and, if the Bill has been amended, the Bill as amended, or such portion thereof as may have been amended, shall also unless otherwise directed by the Select Committee.....

Mr. President: Which is that Standing Order?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Standing Order No. 35. .....shall also unless otherwise directed by the Select Committee be published in the Gazette in the languages in which the original Bill was published and such publication shall be made in the Gazette at least 12 days prior to the commencement of the meeting at which the Bill is to be considered by the Assembly." I humbly submit that the Select Committee has only directed that the amended portion of the Bill, a Bill as amended or such portion there of as may have been amended, need not be published. The publication of the report in the Gazette and taking up the Bill for consideration only after 12 days stands in the way of presenting the report of the Select Committee now and taking up the Bill for consideration. So I request the President not to allow the consideration of this Bill, because it is against the rules.

Mr. President: The first part of the matter is that the Minister for Finance and Law will present the Select Committee Report. That is what is being done now. And then comes up the question that the Bill as modified by the Select Committee be taken into consideration. The Hon'ble Member's contention is based upon Standing Order No. 35, that it should be published 12 days prior to the meeting, and under the circumstances it is not done.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is presented only now. Neither is it printed and published; only duplicated copies are given to the Members. The direction of the Select Committee will only be binding on the modified Bill and not on the report and the minutes.

Mr. President: That is under Standing Order No. 35. He is presenting the report.....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law):* Under Standing Order No. 36.

Mr. President: For that the Standing Order does not object. Present the report.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The presentation of the report of the Select Committee and the consideration generally go side by side.

Mr. President: That is true, but the rule is that the Select Committee Report may be presented.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Yes, Sir.

Mr. President: The report of the Select Committee on a Bill shall be presented to the Assembly by the member in charge of the Bill, who shall, if he makes any remarks, confine himself to a brief statement of facts". That is one step, and then "after the presentation of the

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